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First Named Inventor : Pramod B. Mahajan  
Application Number : 09/537,654  
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Title : A Novel Maize Rad51-Like Gene and Uses  
Thereof

Group/Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : Kubelik, Anne R.  
Attorney Docket Number : 1107E

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

In response to the Final Office Action of July 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

**In the Title:**

Please replace the title found on the cover page with the following:

C1 – Rad51-Like Polynucleotides and Uses Thereof --

**In the Claims:**

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Please cancel claim 13 without prejudice.

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